

JERSEY COUNTY, N. J., THE CONTROL OF FRANCHISES.

Will Operate a Trolley Line Between Elizabeth and Plainfield, Laid Upon a Bed Eighteen Feet Wide in the Centre of a One Hundred Foot Wide Roadway.

The question of public control of franchises is about to be given an excellent test in Union County, N. J. The experiment grows out of a natural and interesting condition and will be an ideal one to watch.

That county is now interested in a proposition to construct a trolley road from Elizabeth, the county seat, to Plainfield, a city of beautiful residences built in a forest of trees, vines and flowers.

The two cities are about twelve miles apart from center to center, and the intervening distance is dotted by six thriving villages—Lorraine, Roselle, Cranford, Garwood, Westfield and Fairwood. The villages are a mile or so apart on the line of the central railroad of New Jersey. The territory between the cities is also traversed by one of the famous Union County trolley roads, sixty-six feet wide.

Trolley magnates who have made millions by trafficking in street railroad franchises, have been busy openly and covertly for several years past trying to get permission to construct a trolley line on the county road from Elizabeth to Plainfield. The people living in the villages are eager for the trolley. They have all the other modern improvements, such as gas, water, electric lights and sewers; but their reluctance to have the trolley pavement cut up by ditches and the rest of the great country road given to a trolley company has heretofore been too strong to be overcome by the arts and offers of the trolley magnates. But as nearly every town in the civilized world is served by a street railroad of some kind, the village people are getting restless and begin to feel very much behind the age. This feeling of restlessness is playing into the hands of the franchise seekers.

Three Applications Pending.

Three applications are now pending for franchises to construct a trolley road on Elizabeth road, one before the Council of Elizabeth, another before the Township Committee of Union, and the other before the Township Committee of Westfield.

At a public hearing in July given by the Council of Elizabeth on the application pending for a franchise Mr. Frank Bergen, a lawyer residing in the city, appeared and urged the granting of a franchise to any corporation to build the road, but recognizing the importance and the necessity of a trolley road that the county road be widened from 66 feet to 100 feet and a trolley road constructed in the center by the county on a space 18 feet wide, with cuts on each side.

Subsequently a map was made illustrating his suggestion and showing how the road when widened should be subdivided. Mr. Bergen proposed that the street railroad, when constructed by the county, should be leased for operation to the person or corporation that would agree to the most satisfactory terms.

The suggestion was so favorably received by the people of the county that a public meeting was called and held at the court house in Elizabeth on Thursday evening, September 30, to consider the matter. It was the most impressive meeting of any business men ever held in the county. William West, of Roselle, one of the members of the Elizabeth Club, was called to the chair. He opened the meeting by declaring that the practice of parting with valuable public franchises in perpetuity must be stopped, and that hereafter the public should hold on to its rights with a firm hand. He pointed out that this would be leaving the trolley to the hands of the ablest students of municipal problems.

Mr. Bergen's Plan Explained.

Mr. Bergen was then introduced, and explained his suggestion at length, and was

TOMBSTONE LANDS OLD MAN IN JAIL.

Wants to Place One Over His Father's Grave, but Is Refused.

AROUSING HIS HATRED.

He Distributes Circulars Attacking His Brother-in-Law and Gets Into Trouble.

Onondah Boyden, eighty years old, of No. 68 Morris and Essex avenues, Newark, was sent to the County Jail in that city yesterday in default of the payment of a \$20 fine. He was released when Abraham C. Crawford, his son-in-law, paid the fine.

The complainant against Mr. Boyden was his brother-in-law, David S. Bragan, with whom Boyden has long been at odds. Bragan recently instituted suit for \$10,000 damages against Boyden for distributing circulars containing matter reflecting upon him.

Boyden is the son of the late Seth Boyden, a famous inventor and a pioneer of the leather industry in Newark. He desired to erect a monument upon the grave of his father, which was in the plot of John Burnett, a relative of the inventor. Bragan, as executor of the Burnett estate, refused to permit the erection of the monument, and when the matter was taken into court he bent Boyden at every point.

During the progress of the suits, Boyden prepared several circulars, giving his side of the case, reflecting upon his brother-in-law. Yesterday morning he distributed a lot of new circulars, which, in addition to reflecting upon Bragan, questions the decision of the court. He took his station in front of Bragan's store at Broad and State streets, and handed the circulars to all who passed by. Bragan sent for a policeman and the old man was arrested.

In court he was found guilty of distributing printed matter without a license, and sentenced to a fine of \$20. He told Judge Lampher that he had not a cent in the world and was informed that he would have to stay fifty days in jail or until the fine was paid. He then appealed to his brother-in-law, but the latter would not listen to him, and walked out of court. The old man was taken to jail, but later released.

Trolley Car Victim Will Die.

John Elbrecht, thirty-five years old, of No. 300 Spring street, West Hoboken, while crossing Washington street, Hoboken, at Elbarth street, yesterday, was run over by a trolley car, No. 47, of the North Hudson County Railway Company. He was crushed under the wheels and injured so badly that St. Mary's Hospital it was said he would die. The motorman of the car was not arrested.

POLICEMEN CAUGHT MRS. MULLER WHO FLED AS SHE FLED FROM A DREAM'S TERRORS.



THAT Mrs. Lena Muller, the young wife of Carl Muller, of No. 640 Bushwick avenue, Brooklyn, is alive today is due to the courage of Patrolmen Cummings and Lindsay, of the Hamburg Avenue Police Station. They caught her when she fell from a fire escape in the rear of her home, about 1 o'clock yesterday morning. Neither Mrs. Muller nor her two rescuers were hurt.

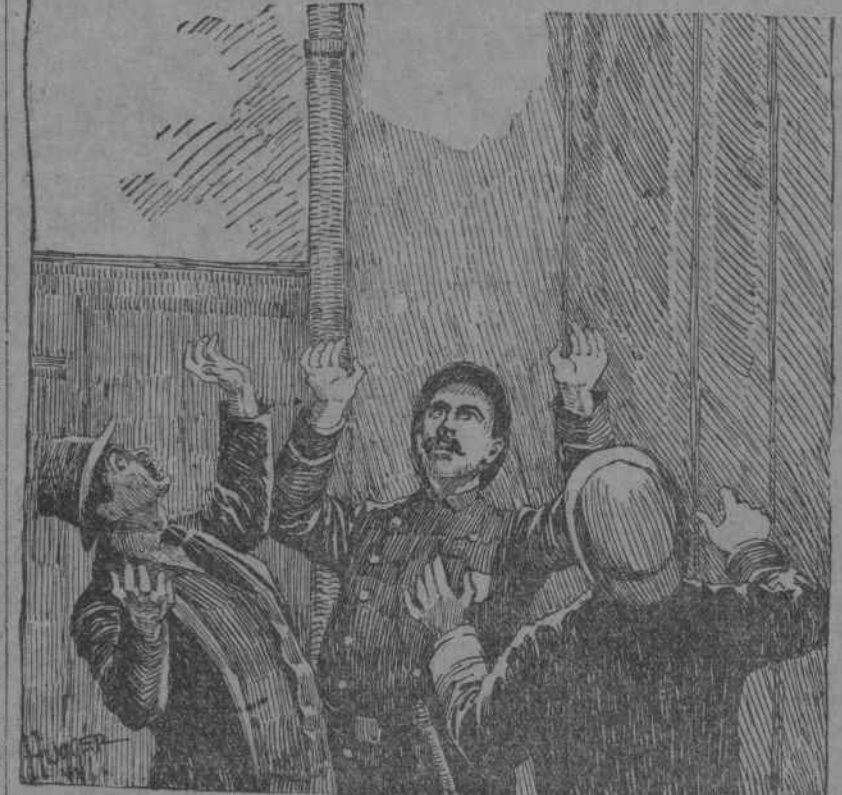
Mrs. Muller is a nervous, delicate woman. Her husband is a night watchman employed in East New York. He goes to his work at 6 p. m. On Monday about 10 p. m. Mrs. Muller went to bed in a room, adjoining the kitchen, in the rear of the flat. At 1 a. m. the woman awoke. Twice she tried to rise, but each time she fell back

exhausted on her pillow. Then she thought that she smelt chloroform.

Her first thought was for her little child. She lay by her side asleep, but to her excited imagination she seemed to be dead. With a shriek she jumped out of bed, the thought of burglars uppermost in her mind. Then came the idea that there was a man in the room and that she was unprotected. Again she shrieked for help and ran into the kitchen.

Once there she grew frantic and climbed through the small window leading to the fire escape. Over the railing Mrs. Muller clambered and hung by her hands, twenty feet above the street. Her screams were heard by the two policemen. In the dim light they saw the white-robed woman hanging from the fire escape. They climbed over the low fence on the Trotman street side of the house.

Her strength was rapidly failing her.



Mrs. Muller's Fall of Twenty Feet Into Policemen's Arms.

TO PRESERVE ITS WATER.

Newark Begins the First of a Series of Suits for the Condemnation of Land.

Condemnation proceedings in behalf of the municipality of Newark are to be brought against George and James Bigelow, owners of a water right on a branch of the Pequannock River in Newfoundland, Morris County, N. J. This is the first of a number of suits intended to preserve from contamination or to extend the water supply of Newark.

The Bigelows own a grist mill near Brown's Hotel, Newfoundland. They have about six acres of land on each side of the stream and claim the right to use the entire flow of the stream for power for their mill. As the impounding of water in the dam interferes with the water power, they brought suit against the East Jersey Water Company and got a verdict for \$2,000.

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HER SERVANTS GO, AND LINEN ALSO.

Mrs. Mailler Hired with Glee Pretty Swedish Sisters Three.

CHEAP AT ANY COST.

But They Quit the Other Day, and Now It's Hard to Say How Much She's Lost.

There were Tilly and Sophie and Julia, all charming girls in their way, and they thought they would like the country so much better than the city.

"This is really the best good fortune I have had in a long while," said Mrs. William H. Mailler, when she engaged them at a New York employment agency some time ago as maids for her country house, on Easton avenue, New Brunswick, N. J. Mr. Mailler, who is in the shipping business in New York City, lives with his family during the winter at the Hotel Margaret, in Brooklyn, but moved to his country house, at New Brunswick, six months ago, taking the three girls with him.

They were handsome Swedes, who talked enough English to make them acceptable servants. They had pleasing manners, and there were great times "below stairs" at least six nights a week after the fame of the three comely girls from New York was known among the men servants at the various country homes within driving distance of the Mailler mansion.

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PIPE FRANCHISE BIDDERS COULD NOT BE FORCED.

Citizens of Elizabeth Appeal to the Courts to Rescind It.

TEMPORARY STAY ISSUED.

Taxpayers Sign Petitions Showing How the Standard Oil Scheme Would Hurt Them.

The war between the citizens of Elizabeth, N. J., and the Standard Oil Company, which wants to tear up the streets of the city to put down oil pipes at will without paying a reasonable compensation, grows apace. It is the only theme talked